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Appl. No. 09/817,653
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Reply to Office action of September 5, 2003

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/817,653 Confirmation No. 8792
Applicant : Duffy, Mark E.
Filed : March 26, 2001
TC/A.U. : 2875
Examiner : DALEI DONG
Title : OUTER SEALS FOR SHRINK-SEALED METAL HALIDE
ARC TUBES
Docket No. : 33151
Customer No. : 000116

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated September 5, 2003 (Paper No. 7). The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on December 5, 2003.

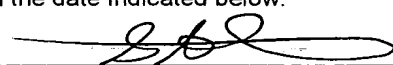
Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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